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SUBJ: CENTO'S COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING

REF: ANKARA 3400

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM CENTO SECRETARY
GENERAL GURUN WAS RECEIVED MAY 2.

QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR

1. I AM WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND
UNDERSTANDING DURING THE 25TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL WHICH HAS CONCLUDED RECENTLY IN
LONDON.

2. AS I MENTIONED IN MY SPEECH PRESENTING MY ANNUAL
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REPORT I WILL START MY ANNUAL VISITS IN MAY AND I HOPE
TO GO PAKISTAN AT A DATE TO BE CONVENED BEFORE MAY 18.

I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH, BEFORE LEAVING FOR PAKISTAN,
THAT WE HOLD A COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES MEETING. THE LAST COUP
INTERVENED IN AFGHANISTAN MAKES IT NECESSARY, I THINK,
THAT WE MAKE A NEW EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IN OUR

REGION. THEREFORE, I THINK, THE FIRST ITEM OF OUR MEETING SHOULD BE THIS PROBLEM AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WOULD ENABLE US TO MAKE A DETAILED REPORT WHICH WILL REFLECT THE VIEWS AND THE OPINION OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF CENTO.

3. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR DELIBERATIONS WHICH AS YOU KNOW, I ATTENDED FOR THE FIRST TIME AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL, SOME POINTS ATTRACTED MY ATTENTION. THESE IN MY OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES SO THAT NECESSARY PROCEDURAL CHANGES CAN BE INITIATED IF APPROVED.

YOU WOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS RECOMMENDED CERTAIN PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BUT IMPLEMENTATION ACTION ON SOME RELATING TO THE MONTHS PRECEDING THE MEETING HAD ALREADY BEEN INITIATED. I FEEL THAT SUCH ACTION MUST FOLLOW APPROVAL AND NOT PRECEDE IT. I THEREFORE THINK THAT COMMITTEES MUST MAKE PROJECTIONS A YEAR IN ADVANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION. ON APPROVAL BY THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD THEN REFLECT THESE IN OWN BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THAT YEAR.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL MAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTEE OF THIS ORGANIZATION I.E. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, COUNTER-SUBVERSION COMMITTEE, LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF CENTO ACTIVITY ARE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR THE TIMELY FINALIZATION OF THESE REPORTS BY THESE COMMITTEES FOR ME AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO BE ABLE TO STUDY THEM FOR APPROPRIATE REFERENCE IN MY ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL. OTHERWISE THESE REPORTS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THEM RUN THE RISK OF NOT RECEIVING NEEDED EMPHASIS.

IT WAS THE SAME CONCERN THAT MOTIVATED ME THIS YEAR TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE DISTINGUISHED MINISTERS TO THE DATES FIXED FOR THE 1979 MEETING OF MILITARY COMMITTEE. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THEIR APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATE CHANGE OF DATE. I HAVE ADVISED THE CMPS TO INITIATE NECESSARY CONTACTS TO OBTAIN CONCURRENCE OF RELEVANT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES TO A NEW DATE.

THIS SUBJECT WILL CONSTITUTE THE SECOND ITEM OF OUR

AGENDA AND I WILL LOOK FORWARD EQUALLY TO YOUR VIEWS
AT THE MEETING.

4. IN VIEW OF THE WISH EXPRESSED BY THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS FOR ENHANCED ACTIVITY AND IMPROVED
COORDINATION, I INTEND TO INTEREST MYSELF IN THE WORKING
OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE SO AS TO FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION
ON AREAS WHICH, IN MY OPINION, COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE
STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING COOPERATION AMONG OUR MEMBER
STATES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VIEWS AT OUR NEXT COUNCIL
OF DEPUTIES MEETING.

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PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

KAMURAN GURUN
SECRETARY GENERAL UNQUOTE

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